

News Briefs

RESCON down day

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, has declared today a wing down day for more than 30 consecutive days without any driving under the influence citations.

New testing window

As a result of ongoing efforts to improve the enlisted promotion testing system and recent validation of the Weighted Airman Promotion System process approved by Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, the Air Force Personnel Center is changing the testing window for chief master sergeant. Beginning with cycle 05E9, all senior master sergeants testing for promotion will test starting on the second Tuesday of September, this year Sept. 13-16. Moving the testing cycle from the week immediately following the Labor Day holiday weekend to later in the month will help alleviate conflicts between family time and test preparation. The change will not affect promotion announcements or the months during which promotions are made for the cycle.

Clinic closure

The Spangdahlem AB Family Practice Clinic will be closed May 20 to centralize medical records and provide better service to the family practice patient population. Those in need of urgent care should visit the Bitburg Annex emergency room. Call 452-8333 for more information.

Post office closure

Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex post offices are closed for all down days and goal days, RESCON Alpha DUI days, family days and federal holidays. Call Hiram Banuchi at 452-7182 or 2nd Lt. Daniel Foster at 452-7195 for more information.

Housing office closure

The Spangdahlem AB Housing Office will be closed Monday in observance of a German holiday. Normal duty hours resume Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Call the housing office at 452-4570 for details.

Bank closures

Both the Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex Community Banks will be closed Monday and May 26, due to observance of German holidays.

NAF sale

The 52nd Services Squadron and Club Eifel will hold a non-appropriated funds sale Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old Club Eifel location. "As-is" items for sale include, but are not limited to vehicles, furniture, kitchen equipment, electronics, barstools, digital cameras and more. Buyers must remove items bought immediately. Delivery will be available. This sale is open to anyone with a base access identification card, although customs must be cleared when applicable and is the buyer's responsibility.

Big helpers

See how Sabers make a difference by investing a little time into base youth.

Read "Hidden Heroes: Spang Airmen volunteer time, smarts for local schools," on Page 4



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2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

Silver flag

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- Tech. Sgt. Johnny Stange, 52nd Communications Squadron chief of base systems sets up a USC-60A satellite terminal for bare base communications during Silver Flag at Ramstein Air Base April 24. Silver Flag provides realistic contingency-operations training to approximately 200 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Airmen from several specialties.

Sabers undergo major exercise, FSTRs, before summer's ORI

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Gagliano

52nd Fighter Wing Plans and Inspections Office

As the 52nd Fighter Wing wrapped up White Dragon 05-04 Thursday, this wing-level exercise highlighted the need for constant vigilance by Sabers.

Terrorism and natural disasters pepper the real-world headlines almost daily, literally trumpeting the need for constant vigilance as Sabers go about their daily missions.

During the wing-level exercise, the 52nd FW had to respond to ongoing events in the Central Command theater. To accomplish this scenario, the wing "deployed" about 900 people and about 670 tons of cargo to an air base in Iraq, said Master Sgt. Dan Williams, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron disaster control center NCOIC.

On top of the massive Phase I deployment, the wing also tackled a robust Full Spectrum Threat Response, or FSTR, plan, developed by the 52nd FW Exercise Evaluation Team.

The FSTR scenarios included major accidents, incidents with weapons of mass destruction, natural disasters and other attacks. Scenarios are developed to prepare Sabers to deal with a crisis situation before they end up in a real-life situation.

"All members in uniform are players during a wing exercise," said Master Sgt. Paul Baranoski, 52nd FW Inspections

Office. "If you are in uniform and in the area when an 'explosion' occurs, this is your chance to practice the skills you learned in the self-aid buddy care course."

Working with other responders to protect and treat injured people can be valuable training for all involved.

"We as a wing need to come together and respond as if the FSTR exercise is real world," said Master Sgt. Eddie Fowl, 52nd FW XPI. "The wing inspections office goes to great lengths to provide smokes and bangs to offer a realistic training opportunity for our members. People are only cheating themselves if they don't react with realism to the scenario."

Chief Master Sgt. Karl Gerschutz, 52nd FW XPI, agreed that during a FSTR exercise, wing success is heavily contingent on authentic and appropriate responses to the scenarios.

"Responding to a FSTR exercise requires active, aggressive involvement by all members on scene," he said.

After all, this training is relevant to real-world situations.

"Sabers don't know when or if they will be faced with a fire, a terrorist act, a car accident or a tornado," Sergeant Baranoski said. "But if a horrible situation occurs, they will be prepared for the worst, because they actively participated in full spectrum threat response exercises."

BRAC: Information available for affected bases

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The secretary of defense is expected to announce the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list during a press conference today.

Air Force officials said they understand the effect BRAC can have on servicemembers, retirees, employees and their families.

To assist people with vital BRAC information, the Air Force will provide a toll-free number, 001-888-473-6120, for mili-

tary and civilian members affected by the BRAC list. Besides the toll-free phone number, the Air Force has an informative BRAC Web page at www.af.mil/brac.

"This number will be available starting May 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EDT) until further notice," said Col. Thomas Fleming, Air Force BRAC response cell director. "We will have trained people from 10 different Air Force organizations to answer or assist with any questions people may have."

Airmen can seek information through their chain of command. They may also contact the public affairs office at their nearest Air Force installation.

BRAC is the congressionally authorized process the Department of Defense uses to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently and effectively support its forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business.

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RESCON

Watch

ALPHA

0 DUIs in more than 30 Days

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

DUIs in 2005: 18

Days since last DUI: 34

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

Spang Airmen hold steady with 34-day DUI-free streak

By David Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel has sustained its DUI-free trend for 34 days. However, over the last two weeks, there were six major crashes and 34 minor collisions in the local region.

The first major crash was in Pickliessem. A motorcycle driver sustained injuries when he was struck by an automobile. The collision is under investigation.

The second crash was on A-48 adjacent to Kaisersesch. While attempting to pass a truck, a driver hit a dip and crashed into the guard rail. The investigation revealed speeding was a factor in the collision.

Speicher was the scene of the third major accident. A driver hit a pedestrian, and the pedestrian sustained serious injuries and was rushed to a local Krankenhaus. Polizei are investigating the accident.

The fourth major crash occurred on B-50 and was apparently caused by an individual who attempted to pass a number of vehicles at the same time. When the driver had to return to the lane due to oncoming traffic, all others had to stop suddenly. A motorcyclist at the end was unable to avoid striking the car in front, flipped over his motorcycle and was taken to the Bitburg Krankenhaus for evaluation.

The fifth major crash was on A-48 near

Kaisersesch. Speeding on a wet road caused the car to hydroplane. The crash caused damage to the driver's car, along with damage to some road markers.

The final major crash was on B-50 heading toward Oberweiss. Speeding caused the crash, as the driver failed to make a turn on a curve and slammed into a ditch.

Sabers were also involved in 34 minor collisions: six from speeding, seven from improper backing, one in a parking lot, eight from inattentive driving, three from tailgating, three from wildlife, four from improper backing, one other-at-fault and one failure to yield.

RAF Lakenheath's Vanguard exercise wraps up after three-week deployment

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Hamm
48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England -- An exercise that was the result of an Air Force-level initiative to reinvigorate working relationships between the U.S. and United Kingdom militaries finishes up here today after nearly three weeks of activity over British skies.

The Vanguard exercise, a deployment exercise for the 81st Fighter Squadron from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, provided the umbrella under which Fast Moving, a close-air support exercise, and Wycome Warrior, a combat search and rescue exercise, took place. These shorter, more specialized exercises brought together U.S. Air Forces in Europe assets such as the 492nd Fighter Squadron, the 81st FS and the 56th Rescue Squadron from Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, as well as a host of Royal Air Force and Royal Army units.

The exercise, coordinated by 3rd Air Force at RAF Mildenhall, allowed units to travel the comparatively short distance to England in order to receive training they would not normally be able to complete in their host nations due to issues like airspace restrictions and gunnery range limitations. For instance, the 81st FS would normally deploy to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to realize the same kind of training they accomplished here during Vanguard.

"Overall, it's been a great deployment with a lot of good training for the pilots," said Lt. Col. John Cherrey, 81st FS commander. "The composite and joint-force close air support and combat search and rescue training is extremely work-intensive to put together, so when we can get a higher headquarters exercise to get the training, it not only gives us more time to focus on the flying aspect, but also we tend to have access to more realistic assets such as tankers, helicopters and range time."

During the Fast Moving portion of Vanguard, the 81st FS and the 492nd FS provided close air support to an RAF special air service regiment tracking through the Welsh countryside; this group will be on the ground in



Staff Sgt. Tony R. Tolley

RAF Lakenheath, England -- Capt. Scott Morgan, 81st Fighter Squadron pilot, goes through pre-flight checks on an A-10 Thunderbolt II while participating in the Vanguard exercise. Vanguard provided post-deployment training for A-10 aircrews, allowed them to practice the expeditionary fighter squadron process, and provided the operators of different aircraft platforms opportunities to test their capabilities against friendly allies operating as aggressors.

Afghanistan soon and the training scenario mirrored their real-world mission. During the Wycome Warrior part of the exercise, the 81st FS provided cover while HH60-Pavehawk crews worked to extricate friendly forces on the ground.

"We got some training we can't duplicate anywhere else," said Lt. Col. Thomas Sexton, 56th RQS commander, referring to the air-to-ground gunnery his crewmembers were able to practice at ranges in Britain. "We will definitely come back."

For all groups involved, the exercises provided training in the types of cooperation and situations they would likely face in real-world combat situations.

"It's something we have to keep practicing because it's so difficult. If we have fighters there, it's a pretty high-threat environment," Colonel Sexton said. "If we're performing a rescue, we're on top of the person before he's been authenticated as a genuine rescue or as an enemy who could possibly be leading us into [an ambush]. That's the criticality of having the A-10s or the F-15s there to support us."

While the use of British ranges was a welcome novelty for the two visiting units, this type of close air support train-

ing is common for the F-15E aircrews stationed here, said Capt. Kurt Helphinstine, 492nd FS.

"It was pretty much a standard (close air support) exercise for us," he said. "It's a good simulation for what we expect to do in the real world in the future; it's our primary mission in the Middle East (area of responsibility)."

While both the 81st FS and 56th RQS commanders said they received invaluable live-fire training on England's ranges, as well as a rare opportunity to work together, Colonel Cherrey pointed out another benefit of Vanguard -- an actual deployment to train squadron members for upcoming air and space expeditionary force rotations.

"In today's Air Force, deployed operations is where a fighter squadron makes its money. We've given deployment experience to many of our new folks who were not with us when we deployed to Afghanistan," he said. "Although not the same scope and distance, many of the issues we face getting out of town for a small exercise are the same as our air and space expeditionary deployments. Deploying to a fully functioning base such as (RAF) Lakenheath is also a lot more forgiving should folks forget to bring the correct equipment."

BRAC

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"People are our most valuable asset; and though BRAC is a careful and impartial analysis, people will be affected," Colonel Fleming said. "We care about our people, and we want to keep our people informed and provide them the best possible information on the changes that will affect them."

The Air Force Web page will have a breakdown of affected bases from the BRAC list, said Jeff Whitted, Air Force News Service operations division chief.

"We will also have links to frequently asked questions, news articles, and DOD and Air Force information concerning BRAC," he said. "As we receive new information, we will post it to this page."

Local communities surrounding these installations will also be affected. Communities can address their concerns with the president's commission at regional BRAC commission meetings or by contacting the commission at (703) 699-2950 for more information. Phone hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, Mondays through Fridays.

The BRAC process will take months to be finalized. The secretary of defense's BRAC recommendations are not final. The president's BRAC commission will review the list for conformity with the office of the secretary of defense's force structure plan and published selection criteria and report its findings and conclusions to the president by Sept. 8.

Sabers get 'SMART,' heighten safety savvy through risk reduction

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

With an emphasis on a "culture of safety," one particular Combat and Special Interest Program has helped U.S. Air Forces in Europe attain a command-wide reduction in on-duty ground mishaps and sustain zero Class-A flight mishaps for 21 months, according to USAFE commander's action group officials.

The Project SMART (Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk, and Threats) initiative complements the Air Force-wide "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign, which germinated in the early 70's to emphasize the fact that safety should be a part of everything people do.

"Historically, Air Force statistics show there is an increase in off-duty mishaps during the longer days of summer," said Master Sgt. James Douglas, 52nd Fighter Wing ground safety manager. "The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day was chosen since each involved a three-day holiday weekend, and when we add the number of days between the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend and the end of the Labor Day weekend, it ended up being 101 days."

While the 101 CDS campaign recognizes the number one cause of deaths during the summer months is privately-owned vehicle accidents while speeding, inattentiveness or driving under the influence, the program's objectives coincide with "SMART" to cover a range of other hazards.

"Sports and recreation mishaps account for the majority of minor, non-fatal mishaps we experience during the same time period," Sergeant Douglas said.

Project SMART's focus on personal risk management should be carried throughout the year to make the concept more prominent in the work and personal lives of Airmen.

"The best strategy is for people to think before they act," said Tech. Sgt. Pamela Smith 52nd FW Public Affairs safety monitor. "We try to relate Operational Risk Management to our Airmen -- use proper safety gear, assess risk, and most importantly, use common sense."

Whether at work or play, Sergeant Douglas said he urges Sabers to "play it 'SMART' this summer and use personal risk management to survive.

For more information on the 101 CDS campaign, ORM or Project SMART, call the 52nd FW Safety Office at 452-7233.



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: Tech. Sgt. Jennie Aruda
Unit: 606th Air Control Squadron
Duty title: Operations Training NCOIC
Hometown: Kohala, Hawaii
Years in service: Nine
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Sergeant Aruda is key to the development and oversight of all operational training at the 606th ACS, resulting in a trainee turn-around rate of four months. Sergeant Aruda's lightning quick reaction during a recent deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom resulted in support to U.S. ground forces for 50 troops in contact situations and the destruction of 300

enemy safe houses.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Sergeant Aruda is an active member of a local German-American friendship club, and she is learning to speak German. She is the 606th ACS point of contact for German-American ground control intercept and command and control exchanges. She constantly hones her skills to be a top weapons director. She has successfully accomplished cross-training events with all NATO ground-controlled intercept units in the area.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy shopping. While on temporary duty status in Spain, I toured the Prado Museum. I also took the bus to Toledo and went sightseeing for an afternoon.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I enjoy having the ability to travel throughout Europe.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I'd like to see more parking spots.



Airman 1st Class Kristin Ruleau

Saber connect

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, listens as Airman 1st Class Michael Hanley, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron F-16 avionics systems journeyman, explains the installation procedure for a VHF radio on an F-16 aircraft. Airman Hanley discussed his job as part of the *Commander's Mentorship Program* April 28. A Totowa, N.J., native with two years in service, Airman Hanley has gained familiarity with the new avionics systems associated with the Common Configuration Implementation Program upgrade.

Wing lauds quarterly winners

Staff reports

The 52nd Fighter Wing recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements during the first quarter of 2005.

Airman: Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs; **NCO:** Staff Sgt. Jacob Tenney, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **SNCO:** Senior Master Sgt. Lovorn Brown, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; **CGO:** Capt. Timothy Wright, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; **junior-level civilian:**

Heather Hughes, 52nd MDOS; **mid-level civilian:** Harald Plein, 52nd LRS; **senior-level civilian:** Alice Fields, 52nd Services Squadron; **volunteer of the quarter:** Tech. Sgt. Brent Sheehan, 52nd CES; **resource manager of the quarter:** Peter Kranz; **Red Cross volunteer:** Staff Sgt. Jay Pinkham, 52nd LRS; foreign object damage fighter: Airman 1st Class Ely Cashman, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; and **honor guard member:** Airman 1st Class Elvia Huizar, 52nd LRS

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

Keeping Sabers connected is Tech. Sgt. David Sirabella who ensures the wing's network remains secure and ensures critical data is available to users at all times. Top banana is Christopher Bernarde, who was selected as the distinguished graduate of a recent lodging operations course. Glenda Woida had a spec-“snack”-ular month and increased lodging sundry sales by \$1,000. Chow-bella to Staff Sgt. Cynthia Lewis, Senior Airman Daniel Kendall, Heinz Kleifges, Heidi Wendel and Anna Strickland, who successfully opened up the Jet Blast dining facility to ensure troops working on the flightline receive a hot meal. Staff Sgt. Pauline Bray was the troop on duty for the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron -- at 11 p.m. on a Friday night, she helped a troop, whose mom passed away, get home quickly. A “Gibraltar” at JR Rocker's is Alison Lanktree, whose dedication continues to get cheers from customers. Walter Vrzal won the USAFE-level civilian specialist of the year award. The Bitburg Annex Children's Development Center would like to thank the members of the 606th Air Control Squadron, who volunteered their time to assemble tricycles and toys, move furniture and clean up.

52nd Munitions Maintenance Group

A bolt of lightning is Staff Sgt. Douglas Janney, whose lightning protection program earned high marks during a recent surety inspection.

52nd Maintenance Group

Living in a material world is the munitions materiel section -- it received 28 trucks loaded with about 320 tons of ammunition valued at more than 3.7 million dollars from munitions depots around the world. It's tool time for Staff Sgt. Tamara Chapman, who let etiquette and creativity flow with her unique design of “hand

tool” center pieces for a recent MXG banquet. She also proffered awards for retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez, who stated that she was “simply outstanding.” Staff Sgt. Joshua Hippensteel brilliantly stepped up to the arduous task of leading the crash recovery section while half its members were on temporary duty. He also managed qualification training for all newly assigned people, easing the section workload by 50 percent. The tin man is Tech. Sgt. Norman Hill, who fabricated an essential airframe component from raw aluminum stock, reducing standard manufacture time and enabling aircraft for an upcoming deployment. Staff Sgt. Ian Wilson volunteered a weekend to repair a critical airframe structure, and his outstanding skills enabled an A-10 phase to accomplish days of operational checks in an eight-hour period with direct impact to aircraft availability for upcoming 81st Fighter Squadron pilots. The butler did it ... Staff Sgt. Heidi Butler and Master Sgt. Christopher Miller each earned the 2004 U.S. European Command service member of the year award.

52nd Medical Group

Staff Sgt. Stephen Dereis jumped in to ensure the dental lab, not unlike nice teeth, was clean and shiny. Congrats to Capt. Keith Waid and Staff Sgts. Samantha Dunn and Jaime Torres for completing expeditionary medical support training in San Antonio.

CDC stars

The following individuals scored 90 percent or above on their career development course examination scores: Senior Airman Jean Charles, 93; Airmen 1st Class Hector Quiñones-Rodriguez, 99; Stefany Roman, 90; and Daniele Simpson, 93; Senior Airman Luke Wallin, 90; and Staff Sgt. Terry Wright, 91.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
 (Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 606th Air Control Squadron Directorate Operations Training Element
Brief description of unit responsibilities: The combat-ready air control squadron uses the AN/TPS-75 radar and \$170 million-modular control equipment, providing key battle management systems to NATO and U.S. commanders and combatant command authorities. The team is responsible for all aspects of theater battle management to include air surveillance, air weapons control, data links, airspace management and theater air defense.
Number of members: Seven: Capt. Adam Raney, Staff Sgt. Rhiana Caldwell, Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Aruda and Senior Airman Jeron Williams. Not pictured are: Capt. Tracie Hough, Staff Sgt. Sarah Charles and Senior Airman Jacob Metrovich.
How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The element supports rapid deployment and provides data link coordination among U.S. and NATO fighters and data link sites. The element trains 70 people serving in two Air Force specialty codes on 13 specific duty positions in order to facilitate command and control functions of the commander's intent. Each member can hold up to three duty positions, resulting in overlapping coverage if a crew member is unavailable. The team provides premier training both in garrison and at deployed locations in order to enhance combat proficiency in support of mission objectives.
Team's other contributions through the year? The element facilitated the upgrades of 25 people to support deployments to Iraq. They also manage continuation and look back at the requirements of mission-ready troops to ensure combat readiness.

Hidden Heroes: Spang Airmen volunteer time, smarts for local schools; children gain increased writing, communication skills

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Mentoring children at the Spangdahlem Elementary School could appear to be an overwhelming task. For some active duty Airmen; it is a one-hour a week volunteer opportunity that can be so much more.

Mentors are assigned a student who they work with weekly to improve the child's oral and written communication skills.

"The students and mentors look forward to the weekly sessions, but some students are reluctant to begin writing," said Barbara Triplett, SES guidance counselor. "However, after each writing task that is completed, some of the students are so proud that they want copies to take home."

Over the course of the school year, Airman 1st Class Latasha Fauntleroy, 52nd Comptroller Squadron accounting liaison technician, said she has seen a change in



Michael Knobel, son of Master Sgt. Jeffery Knobel, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Latasha Fauntleroy, 52nd Comptroller Squadron accounting liaison technician, review Michael's sentence structure and punctuation during a recent mentoring session at the Spangdahlem Elementary School.

the student she mentors, and that mentoring is important because it is one of the few adult interactions

children receive from people significantly older than them who are not a parent or teacher.

"The children benefit exponentially from having 100-percent of an adult's attention in a one-on-one scenario," Airman Fauntleroy said. "People volunteer for hundreds of causes, but I can't imagine anything more rewarding than helping a young person have fun while reading and writing."

The mentoring sessions were created to not only promote good reading and writing skills, but to enhance a child's self-confidence and communication skills. This is done by playing communication games, where the goal of the game is to talk about feelings, choices and problem solving.

"I can see a difference in the way my second grade student, Michael, participates in the mentoring sessions now. He actively attacks the writing task for the day," Airman Fauntleroy said. "When we first started the program, it was difficult to get him to stop talking about computer games, but now he is quick to connect today's topics with activities to write

about and his attitude toward writing has changed for the better."

Even Michael's mother said she has noticed a change in her sons growing certainty in his writing.

"Michael has become more independent when it comes to writing, and it has helped raise his confidence to just start writing," said Debra Knobel, wife of Master Sgt. Jeffery Knobel, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron. "He doesn't always look to us for his ideas on what to write about, and this program seems to be time well spent."

Sabers can volunteer to be mentors for the next school year for a variety of ages at the Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

"Anyone can train to be a mentor," Ms. Triplett said. "Each school develops a mentoring program to meet the needs of their students, so all you have to do is apply."

People interested in becoming a mentor should call the family support center at 452-6422.

Wing lauds newest ALS grads

Staff Reports

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Otero, 52nd Communications Squadron, received top honors from Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School class 05-5. During the May 6 graduation ceremony, Sergeant Otero received the John L. Levitow award. **Senior Airman John K. Bowerman Jr.**, 606th Air Control Squadron, received the academic achievement award. **Staff Sgt. Stephen Fuller**, 52nd CS, received the leadership award. Distinguished graduates were **Staff Sgt. John Batteline**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; Sergeant Fuller; Airman Bowerman; and **Senior Airman Aaron Ulyott**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Other graduates were:

Eagle Flight

Senior Airmen Randy Brown, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Kristy Crochran**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; **Anicka Edwards**, 606th ACS; **Steven Ferguson**, 52nd AMXS; **Adam Gomez**, 701st Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium; **Eric Liese**, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron, Beuchel Air Base; **Duan Lightfoot**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; **Kevin Neiferd**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Nicholas Ramsey**, 606th ACS; **Nicholas Samaras**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; and **Lawrence Wright**, 52nd CES.

Falcon Flight

Staff Sgts. Amy Samaras, 606th ACS; and **Keith Wayer**, 606th ACS; and **Senior Airmen**

Travis Fisher, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **Jowauna Hudson**, 701st MUNSS; **Edwin Huertas**, 52nd AMXS; **LaTonya Jackson**, 52nd LRS; **David Larson**, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron; **Shingo Maydwell**, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands; **Joshua Shelton**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Stephen Werner**, 702nd MUNSS; **Judson Willis**, 52nd EMS; **Thomas Zeek**, 52nd AMXS; and **Benjamin Zipperer**, 52nd CMS.

Warthog Flight

Senior Airmen Nathan Ash, 702nd MUNSS; **Stacey Barker**, 702nd MUNSS; **Nicholas Bastien**, 52nd EMS; **Mima Bloy**, 606th ACS; **Charles Cassidy**, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Ryan Dawson**, 701st MUNSS; **Joshua Gorman**, 606th ACS;

Kerchell Martin, 52nd Operations Group; **Andrew Niiranen**, 52nd AMXS; **Thomas Rascon**, 52nd LRS; **Michael Scott**, 703rd MUNSS; and **John Simmers**, 703rd MUNSS.

Magic Flight

Senior Airmen Elizabeth Aldridge, 52nd EMS; **Timothy Alford**, 52nd CES; **Michael Arevalo**, 52nd AMXS; **Joshua Champagne**, 52nd LRS; **Sarah Charles**, 606th ACS; **Michael Diaz**, 52nd CS; **George Hamilton**, 52nd MSS; **Michael Herrera**, 702nd MUNSS; **Jason McIntyre**, 701st MUNSS; **William Wallace**, 52nd AMXS; and **Ricky West**, 52nd LRS.

(Compiled by Staff Sgt. Omeaterance Mewborn, Pitsenbarger ALS)



Tech. Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Smart cookies

Fourteen students from Bitburg High School were honored as scholarship recipients from the BHS Scholarship Association, whose members passed out \$31,000 in scholarships during a school assembly May 4. (From right to left) Dan Brunal, son of Master Sgt. Americo Brunal, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; Melissa Hornback, daughter of Chief Master Sgt. Brian Hornback, 52nd Maintenance Group; and Sierra Lawrence, daughter of Master Sgt. Shona Lawrence, 52nd Logistic Readiness Squadron, applaud other students' achievements at the assembly. Mr. Brunal was one of the 14 scholarship recipients. He received a \$1,000 scholarship during the afternoon event. Other student recipients were: Robert Bensinger, William Biasotti, Melodie Duperval, Kyle Fluker, Devon Gardner, Maggie Harvin, Lori Hewitt, Andrew Neubauer, José Tovar, Bethany Weaver, Ashley Weston and Mark White.

Spang conducts its annual Conventional Forces in Europe inspection exercise

Staff reports

Spangdahlem Air Base conducts its annual Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty inspection exercise Wednesday.

The Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty limits the number of forces and equipment a signatory nation may have in the 'area of application.' The treaty's area of application extends between the Atlantic Ocean and the Ural Mountains.

The treaty limits five categories of equip-

ment: tanks, artillery, armored combat vehicles, combat aircraft and attack helicopters. To the 52nd Fighter Wing, this means its F-16 and A-10 aircraft.

All treaty signatories declare their personnel strength, equipment numbers and installations to each other. During the inspection year -- March 16 of one year to March 15 of the next -- each declared site is subject to a short-notice (as little as six hours) compliance inspection from former Warsaw Pact member states.

"During a compliance inspection or exercise, inspectors are authorized immediate access to all facilities and containers that meet the two-meter rule," said Mr. Michael Mazur, 52nd FW treaty compliance officer.

Doors two meters or wider and containers two meters or larger on three sides must be open and ready, he said.

Inspectors can continue into a facility until a door or hallway less than two meters is encountered; there, the inspection team must stop.

All combat aircraft assigned, deployed and in transient status must also be accounted for.

"The exercise is an excellent opportunity for the wing to evaluate its CFE compliance plan and to improve its ability to conduct a CFE inspection," Mr. Mazur said.

An arms control inspection is a highly visible event intended to establish and maintain trust between nations, and success requires a basewide effort. The keys to success are professionalism and openness.

Col. Dave Goldfein.....Commander
Capt. Thomas Crosson.....Public affairs chief
1st Lt. Mike Cumberworth.....PA deputy
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Col. Dave Goldfein

May
Sortie
Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	226	31	-11
23FS	249	24	-18
81FS	285	14	-1

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Readiness

Consistent training is crucial to combat readiness at forward operating bases

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Brown
52nd Fighter Wing Historian Office

For most people stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base, setting aside part of the month to participate in wing training exercises equates to working longer hours or performing additional work to ensure they can satisfactorily accomplish their wartime taskings or demonstrate wartime skills.

The exercises may not be popular, but participation is absolutely necessary for 52nd Fighter Wing Sabers.

Every 52nd FW Airman must be ready to deploy and know how to respond during wartime conditions.

Whether deploying to fill a specific air and space expeditionary force tasking or as part of a wing-specific deployment, Airmen should know how to do their job and how to survive in a wartime environment.

Senior leadership here is focused upon improving our deployment processes and ensuring that Team Eifel members are getting an opportunity to receive realistic training.

The training is crucial to ensure the wing can successfully project its organic combat power where and when it is needed over the battlefield.

Although the AEF concept is relatively new, the Air Force has always considered itself to be expeditionary in nature.

As far back as 1916, the U.S.'s Army Signal Corps Aviation Section has deployed aircraft and

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people in a joint effort to help ensure victory on and over the battlefield. Once in the combat theater, additional deployments should be expected.

After its initial introduction to combat in Great Britain during the summer of 1942, our own 52nd Operations Group, designated 52nd Fighter Group, began operations in North Africa.

The group moved 12 times during the North African and Italian World War II campaigns Nov. 9, 1942, to April 21, 1945; this does not reflect the numerous moves made by the squadrons assigned to the group.

During Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army breakout of Normandy and rapid advance through France during World War II, most of the squadrons assigned to Brig. Gen. Otto P. Weyland's XIX Tactical Air Command, which supported Third Army, moved at least twice -- some as many as four times -- per month.

The command was able to redeploy the squadrons and continue air superiority, combat air support and interdiction missions.

Additionally, General Patton relied on XIX TAC to protect the Third Army's flank along the Loire River. The general trusted air power to deal with and warn of any threats arising from this direction.

It is interesting to note that many units accomplished their redeployments when security arrangements enroute to and at the forward operating bases remained far from secure.

Today, Team Eifel members should expect possible taskings or even redeployment at current contingencies.

During future operations, forward operating bases may need to be established due to range limitations with some airframes configured for combat.

Senior leadership will identify specific unit type codes necessary for deployment forward; however, each deploying member should have the necessary training to successfully survive and operate once in-place.

Most Airmen have not historically chosen the time and place of their deployments; most deploy to distant battlefields in response to actions undertaken against the U.S.

Since most of our urgent deployments are reactionary in nature, every Airman should take advantage of the training opportunities presented to us. It is too late for training once you enter the deployment processing line.

Diversity

Japanese-American troops helped defend freedom

By 1st Lt. Robert Reynado
52nd Services Squadron

Every day, we are called to serve in the noblest of professions, charged with protecting our nation and prepared to give our lives in its defense.

Both home and deployed, we go to work knowing we have the love and tremendous support of a grateful nation.

Imagine if that wasn't the case, and you were, in fact, no longer welcome.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, the men of the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Battalion were exactly that.

They were Nisei, first-generation American-born Japanese, and were accused of conspiring with the enemy.

Yet these men volunteered to defend it, adopting "Remember Pearl Harbor" as their motto.

During combat operations in Italy

in September 1943, the 1,432 men of the 100th Infantry were dubbed the "Purple Heart Battalion," as their troop strength was decimated by more than 60 percent by the following year.

At the same time, the 442nd Combat Infantry Group, the largest Nisei unit during World War II, was formed.

Their unit motto was, "Go for broke," and they did just that. Leaving their friends and family behind in internment camps, these brave young men joined forces with the 100th Infantry Battalion in June 1944.

Together, they fought valiantly against the Nazis in the mountainous regions of Italy, ensuring victory was achieved in May 1945.

As we approach Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month, we should pay tribute to the men of the 100th and 442nd, most of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice in their honorable defense of our nation.



U.S. Army Signal Corps photo

During World War II, some 11,000 Japanese Americans from Hawaii and from detention camps in the U.S. mainland served in the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Combat Infantry Group, the most decorated unit in the U.S. Army for its size and length of service.

However, it is just as important to remember that we are all Americans, regardless of race or color.

The enemy may share the face of some of our comrades, but that's

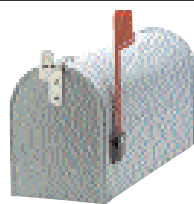
where the similarities begin and end.

It is important to understand our differences while embracing our diversity. After all, it's a big part of what makes our nation so great.



Community Mailbox

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Toddler registration

People are invited to attend the enrichment program summer camp registration open house Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex, building 2002. The two-year-old and the three- to five-year-old program requirements are:

- ♦ Children must be two years old or three years old by Dec. 31, 2004 (depending on the program)
- ♦ Children must be fully potty trained
- ♦ Parents need to bring a current leave and earning statement and the child's shot records

Slots are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Call Vicki Silva at 452-9212 for details.

B.A.S.H. meeting

The initial Big Annual Summer Happening organizational meeting takes place Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the fitness center. Each unit or private organization participating in the B.A.S.H. June 30 to July 4 should attend the meeting. Call George Price at 452-7849 for details.

School news

Spangdahlem Elementary School

♦ The next SES Parent Teacher Student Association meeting takes place Thursday at 6 p.m. at the SES multi-purpose room. For more information, call Barbara Triplett at 452-6881.

♦ The PTSA book fair half-price sale takes place Thursday through May 21, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Thursday and Friday; and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday, at the SES. For details, e-mail Ann Lucas at lucaslan@t-online.de.

♦ The PTSA sponsors a flea market May 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SES parking lot. People interested in selling can reserve a space for \$5, and children can reserve a space for \$1, but they must be accompanied by an adult. The market is for DoD identification card holders only. For details, call Brenda Sullivan at 06565-933379 or 452-6881.

Spangdahlem Middle School

♦ The Student Advisory Council meets Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. at the SMS media center. For details, call Senior Master Sgt. Kent McCormack at 452-8230.

Breathe in, breathe out



Jonathan Bradley

Alexis Quinones, daughter of Staff Sgt. Douglas Quinones, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, listens to the lungs of Melissa Shock, daughter of Master Sgt. Charles Shock, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, during a Girl Scout and Brownies field trip to the 52nd Medical Group Family Practice Clinic April 26. The girls learned basic first aid skills and health care procedures.

Heritage luncheon

Come celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month May 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Club Eifel. The luncheon features guest speaker, Col. Frank Gorman, commander air headquarters at Ramstein Air Base. In addition, there will be displays of Asian art, traditional clothes and decorative artifacts. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$12 for non-members. For details, call Master Sgt. Roland Santiano at 452-6070.

SFS spouses meeting

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron spouses meeting takes place Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Spangdahlem SFS, building 215, conference room. The evening will be spent packing boxes for deployed troops. For more information, call Kathryn Javier at 06561-695284 or e-mail her at LKJavier@t-online.de.

No parking

There is no parking in front of the Auto Skills Center now through June 30 due to construction. For details, call Bob Rosinbum at 452-9447.

Family advocacy news

For further details about these classes and programs, call family advocacy at 452-8279 or 06565-958279. Registration is required.

- ♦ Anger management, 9-10:30 a.m., four consecutive Tuesdays, Spangdahlem AB building 161, third floor
- ♦ Caring for children through divorce, 1-2:30 p.m., second Tuesday of each month
- ♦ Art of relationship, Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Bitburg Annex, building 67, third floor

Officer recruiters visit

Air Force officer accessions recruiters will set up shop here Monday for an open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Recruiters will conduct interviews by appointment or walk-in basis at the Bitburg Annex conference room and will interview anyone interested in Air Force officer opportunities. Officer recruiters from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., will conduct the interviews. Call Staff Sgt. Mike Asdel at 06315-367669 for more information.

Chapel Services

Women's Spring Luncheon

Ladies of all ages are invited to a Protestant Women of the Chapel "Spring Luncheon" May 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Club Eifel. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. People are encouraged to RSVP by Monday to Erica Duncan at 06561-947154 or Dawn Orhood at 06561-947730.



Centenary College Church Choir Performance

The Centenary College Choir will present a concert May 28 at 6:30 p.m. as part of their European tour. The choir is one of the most traveled choral groups in the nation. The choir has traveled to more than 30 countries and five continents. The program will be upbeat with a mixture of secular music to include Broadway, Irving Berlin, a military salute, and several other pieces of Americana, in addition to some spiritual and classical pieces. For more information, call the Spangdahlem AB chapel at 452-6711 or 452-6281.

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rear window, 26 miles/gallon, \$7,000 OBO. Call 01511-555-0106 or 06508-918327.
1995 Pontiac Trans Sport, V6, seats seven,

rebuilt auto trans 2003, new tires, dual AC, PW, \$2,375. Call 06565-95-6809.
1995 Mazda 626, 5-spd., Euro. specs.,

new clutch/brakes, extra tires, PS, PL, \$2,500. Call 06565-901271 or 0170-472-6511.

1990 BMW 535i, Euro. specs., 140,000 km., auto locks/windows, new brakes/rotors, rims for winter tires, \$3,000 OBO. Call 06562-965950 or 0171-9504631.

1987 VW Golf, 2-dr., new battery/tires, \$1,000 OBO. Call 0160-662-9121 or 06567-960418.

Motorcycles

1996 Harley Dyna/Wide Glide, 6,000 miles, wide rear tire model, like new. Call 06561-694706 or 491756-162870.

1993 Sportster 1200

XLH, loud pipes, 7,000 miles, \$6,500. Call 0160-550-8515.

For Sale

Cordless phone, \$40. Call 06567-96-0418 or 0160-662-9121.

110v deep freezer, \$100. Call 06565-901271 or 0170-472-6511.

All 220v: 1,200-watt small space heater, \$10; Culligan water crock/stand, \$30; Braun blender, \$15; blow dryer, \$5; ISDN/DSL box, \$50; under cabinet fluorescent light, \$50; three-strand Christmas lights, \$5; Christmas tree stand, \$10; new car booster seats, 40-70 pounds, \$30; five, 300-watt transformers, \$10; two child suitcases

w/backpack, \$15 each; tow irons, \$10 each; foam booster seat, \$3; hand vacuum, \$5; German animated videos, \$5 each. Call 06562-965950 or 0171-9504631.

220v: microwave, \$45; coffee maker, \$15; blender, \$15; tower fan, \$15; white metal baby crib w/mattress, \$45; two baby crib sets, \$25; boy's bicycle, \$15; play pen, \$25. Call 06565-933618.

TV/VCR for traveling in cars, complete with travel case and adapters, \$75; clarinet, \$350. Call 06561-94-5294.

DSL modem, Teledat 331LAN for T-online, \$75; T-ISDN dial-up modem, \$30; All 220v:

AEG phone/answering machine, black (German), \$35; microwave, med., \$25; transformers 1-750W, 2-200W, all for \$25; Siemens cell phone w/ charger, \$15; Braun clothes iron, \$10; red push button phone, \$5; alarm clock/radio, \$5. Call 06565-934037 or 0171-301-9813.

AFN decoder, \$400. Call 06501-608164 or 452-7753.

SKY system, \$350; baby items; girls front suspension mountain bike, \$40. Call 01757-495045 or 06565-933597.

All 220v: microwave/convection oven, \$75; toaster, \$10; DSL modem, \$50; iron, \$10; stick mixer, \$5; solid

wood, heavy duty modular bunkbeds w/mattress, \$150; lg. wood wardrobe w/side shelves, \$150; girls 10-spd. bicycle, \$30. Call 06562-931377.

Wanted

Five dining room chairs, \$25; wicker head boards, twin, \$10 and queen, \$20; children's table and chairs, \$10; 110v, 14-inch TV, \$15; child's wicker rocker, \$5; brass lamps, \$8; matching sofa and chair, \$100. Call 06569-960852.

Short-term childcare designee and overseas evacuee escort needed for single parent w/DEROS in November 2007. Child is nine-years-old, sponsor

works weekdays, Speicher to Spangdahlem area preferred for school. Call 01605-943405.

Dog walker needed for sm./med. dog Monday through Friday. Call 0174-264-2075 or 06561-694006 after 6 p.m.

House/dog sitter needed Sunday through June 24, dog is friendly, located at Speicher GLH, house sitting to include lawn care. Call 01605-943405.

AFN receiver or satellite dish. Call 06575-901164.

Baby and children's clothing. Call 0179-6877763.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through May 19. Times and movies are subject to change. For current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Beauty Shop (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Gina, a hairstylist, opens up a beauty shop full of customers who more interested in speaking their minds than getting a cut.

Million Dollar Baby (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

A hardened trainer who becomes a manager works with a determined woman in her attempt to establish herself as a boxer.

Saturday

Be Cool (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Disenchanted with the movie industry, Chili Palmer tries the music industry, meeting and romancing a widow of a music exec on the way.

Beauty Shop (10 p.m.)

Sunday

Be Cool (4 p.m.)

Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A couple's good marriage begins to crumble when the wife discovers her husband's intentions for divorce.

Monday

Million Dollar Baby (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Beauty Shop (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

After Cheryl Frasier and Stan Fields are kidnapped, Gracie goes undercover in Las Vegas to find them.

Cursed (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

A werewolf loose in Los Angeles changes the lives of three young adults, who, after being mauled by the beast, learn they must kill their attacker if they hope to change their fate.

Saturday

The Pacifier (PG, 4 p.m.)

A disgraced Navy SEAL must protect five children from enemies of their recently deceased father — a government scientist whose top-secret experiment remains in the children's house.

Man of the House (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Tommy Lee Jones stars as a Texas Ranger who must protect a group of cheerleaders who have witnessed a murder.

Sunday

The Pacifier (4 p.m.)

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Man of the House (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Cursed (7 p.m.)

Eifel outdoor pools provide nearby fun for base families

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

(Editor's note: The following is part one of a two-part list of nearby Eifel area swimming pools)

Wittlich

Wittlich has the Vitellius pool which opens Saturday at 2 p.m. with a raffle and speech by the mayor of Wittlich, Ralf Bussmer. The pool will remain open through mid-September and offers everything the heart desires -- a swimmer's pool with eight 50-meter lanes for laps, two one-meter diving boards, one three-meter diving board, one three-meter diving platform and one five-meter diving board.

The non-swimmers' pool has a 64-meter water slide, a waterfall and other water activities. The toddlers' pools has its own waterfall with a cave and more.

Opening times are each Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., each Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The entry fee is 3 euro for adults and 1.80 euro for children and students. Less expensive multiple ticket books are available. For more information about the pool, call 06571-8266.

Bitburg

The Bitburg Cascade indoor- and outdoor pools will be open today. Children and youngsters pay 1.80 euro for one hour, 2.60 for two hours, 3.10 euro for three hours and 4.60 euro for an entire day. Adults pay 2.60 euro for one hour, four euro for two hours, 5.20 euro for three hours, 6 euro for four hours and 7 euro for a day-pass.

Opening times are daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The pool remains open until 8 p.m. during the German school break.

Kordel

The Kordel pool is located in a scenic area surrounded by pine trees, between the towns of Daufenbach and Kordel. It will open mid-June this year due to nearby road construction.

It's open each Monday from noon to 8 p.m.; each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and each Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The pool is open on weekends and holidays, from 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are 2.80 euro for adults and 1.60 euro for children up to age 18.

A family card with 15 tickets is 16 euro. Multiple ticket books are less expensive and can be purchased at the Kordel pool. Seasonal cards are 60 euro for adults and 30 euro for youngsters. After 7 p.m., adults pay 1.60 euro.

To get to the pool, drive through Herforst and continue south toward Trier for about six kilometers. Take the Zemmer turnoff and follow signs from Zemmer toward Schleidweiler. From Schleidweiler continue to follow the signs until you reach Kordel.

The pool is located about six or seven kilometers from the village of Schleidweiler and is on the left before entering Kordel. The pool remains open for the season until mid-September. A beach volleyball field, mother and child swim areas and water cannons are available at the Kordel pool. For more information about the pool, call 06505-1308.

Manderscheid

People who would like to combine swimming with a visit to a local castle should opt for the Manderscheid pool. The pool will open the end of May for the 2005 summer season.

It opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. It remains open until 8 p.m., depending on weather conditions. Adults pay 2.50 euro and children, ages 3-16, pay 1.50 euro. Ticket books are also available.

To get there, go out the main gate, turn right and follow the signs to Manderscheid. Coming from Grosslittgen, take the second right onto Cusanus Strasse, as you get into town. From there, follow the signs that say Freibad (pool). For more information about the pool, call 06572-4289.

The Manderscheid castle festival is scheduled for Aug. 27-28.



Out and About



(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

♦ Enjoy watching the annual Wolfsfeld car mountain race **Sunday**. Wolfsfeld is located between Bitburg and Echternach, Luxembourg.

♦ Participate in the 21st annual Midnight Run **Saturday** in the Mosel town of Kroev. The 9,400-meter run kicks off at 11:40 p.m. There will be other shorter runs for various age groups from 5:30 to 10 p.m. A 5,500-meter inline skating race takes place at 9 p.m. Music and entertainment, to include dances and acrobatic acts, will be provided in Kroev for the duration of the sports events. A fireworks display is scheduled for the evening. Go to www.Mitternachtslauf-Kroev.de for more details.

♦ Enjoy the "Days of the Open wine cellars" **May 26-29** in Brauneberg, when ten vintagers offer a colorful entertainment program and a variety of 200 wines. For more information about this event, call the Brauneberg

tourist information office at 06534-933333 or Mr. Kurt Kranz at 0171-1428 287.

♦ A night boat cruise with wine probe and a performance from the Spangdahlem "St. Quirinus" band takes place **May 27** at 8 p.m. as part of the Open Wine Cellar events. Tickets can be pre-purchased for 12 euro from the Brauneberg tourist infor-

mation office or at the boat for 13 euro. The price includes the cruise, wine probe and singing entertainment. The event attracts a variety of age groups, with the majority being older adults. For more information or to sign up for the event, call the Brauneberg tourist information office at 06534-933333 or call Kurt Kranz at 0171-1428287.

Fore!



Courtesy photo

The Host Nation Council invites all American golf friends to the second annual Eifel Friendship Cup 2005 Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Golf Resort Bitburger-Land in Hermesdorf. This is a highlight event, and a delegation from the base will participate in the golf game. People are invited to observe. For details, call the Community Relations Office at 452-6434.

May Fitness Month gives chance for Airmen to be fit to fight

Staff reports

Airmen and their families can run, peddle and pull their way to being fit to fight through various activities through the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center during May Fitness Month.

Fitness month kicked off May 2 with a Battle of the Bulge weigh in of 60 participants.

“It is an event to see who can lose the most weight by the end of the month,” said Staff Sgt. Marisol Melendez, 52nd Services Squadron fitness specialist. “We don’t want to see people dropping 15 to 20 pounds in a month. This is a motivational step for people to look at their physical activities and nutrition to begin a commitment of a healthy lifestyle.”

The next event of the month was a mini triathlon May 3 and then a Mother’s Day run Saturday.

Airmen and their family members can attend certification classes Saturday and Sunday. People can push, pull and drag via a bench press, pull up and car drag competition May 26. The \$3 entry fee goes into a pot for the winner. A four-person 10K team relay event kicks off May 30 at noon.

Each person runs a quarter leg with a 20-pound backpack. The relay costs \$5 per team.

Although May Fitness Month participation used to be mandatory back in 2000, Mark Geairn, 52nd SVS fitness and sports director, thinks Team Eifel should still emphasize the “fit to fight” mentality, and Airmen should maintain a healthy lifestyle.

“It’s imperative the fitness center offers a wide variety of fitness and sports activities throughout May,” he said. “I realize how busy everybody is in preparation for the upcoming (operation readiness inspection), but physical activity is a great stress reducer, and our event will be a lot of fun for everyone.”

Sergeant Melendez encourages people to attend the various events.

“These activities have your best interest in mind -- your health. Whether you’re physically fit or not active at all, these programs are for you,” she said. “Challenge yourself and don’t be afraid of your fitness level -- everyone had to start somewhere. Being physically fit is one of the best things you can be in order to live life enjoyably.”

For details, call the fitness center at 452-6496.



Hoop dreams: Spangdahlem youth to attend summer basketball camp in Chievres, Belgium

Staff reports

A Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe sanctioned summer basketball camp takes place on Chievres Air Base, Belgium, in June.

Female players can attend June 19-21; male players can attend June 21-24. Any DoDDS-E student currently enrolled in grades eight through 11 who will return to a DoDDS-E school next year is eligible to attend.

The camp is designed to help each participant improve the quality of his or her skills, strategies and tactics. The camp’s lead clinician will be Nate

Dixon, assistant to the head coach for the University of Florida Gators.

Attendees must be nominated by their school basketball coach or athletic director. Each school will be able to nominate three females and three males as well as alternates in the event additional slots become available.

Application forms must be completed and collected by May 25. Complete program agendas will be distributed to schools by June 1.

The cost for attendance is \$65. Campers must bear the cost of trans-

portation and meals while attending.

Players will be billeted on cots in the Chievres AB gymnasium at no cost and will need to bring a pillow and sleeping bag, or blankets and sheets.



Campers will also receive a reversible jersey, camp ball and camp T-shirt. Additional details about the summer camp and registration packets are available on the Web at <http://eteamz.active.com/BitburgBasketball/>.

For more information, call Lin Hairstone at 452-9031 or e-mail him at lin.hairstone@eu.dodea.edu.

America’s Kids Run

Come celebrate the 20th anniversary of America’s Kids Run **May 21** at 9 a.m. at the track behind the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. Every year, more than 20,000 children ages five to 13 participate in a fun run on Air Force, Navy and Army bases worldwide. Depending on age, children run anywhere between one-half mile to two miles.

Upon crossing the finish line, all children get an America’s Kids Run T-shirt. All youth can register online at www.americaskidsrun.org, or they can pick up a registration packet at the teen or youth centers. For more information, call Ann Ernst at 452-9206.

Congratulations

The Bitburg High School track and field team participated in a meet at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium, May 7.

Team members who qualified for the European finals are:

- ☐ **Stephen Lee**, son of Master Sgt. Jonathan Lee, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, qualified in the long jump with a jump of 19 -11 3/4

- ☐ **Nicole Specht**, daughter of Lt. Col. John Specht, 23rd Fighter Squadron, qualified in the 1500-meter run with a time of 5 minutes, 33.55 seconds
- ☐ **Lance Hoffman**, son of Lt. Col. Gregory Hoffman, 52nd Maintenance Group, qualified in the 400 with a time of 51.3
- ☐ **Shawn Banuchi**, son of Tech. Sgt. Hiram Banuchi, 52nd Communications Squadron, qualified in the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.53



Scoreboard

The following is a list of the latest standings for the week ending May 6.

Intramural soccer

Team	W	L	T
52 LRS	7	0	0
52 CES A	5	2	0
606 ACS	4	2	0
52 SVS	4	3	0
52 CS	3	3	1
52 MDG	3	4	0
52 CES B	2	4	1
52 AMXS	1	3	3
52 EMS	1	5	1
702 MUNNS	1	5	0

Intramural volleyball

Team	W	L
52 LRS	7	0
52 CMS	6	1
52 EMS A	6	1
52 CPTS	5	2
52 MDG A	4	3
52 MSS	4	3
52 CES	3	4
52 MDG B	3	4
52 EMS B	2	5
52 SVS	1	6
702 MUNNS	1	6
606 ACS	1	6

Health and Wellness Center

Important numbers and information

Tobacco Cessation coordinator, 452-9355
Exercise Physiology, 452-6995
Nutritionist, 452-9355
Fitness Center, 452-6496
52nd MDG appointment line, 452-8333
Commercial line, 06565-61-8333

Sports Briefs

AFSA golf tournament

The Air Force Sergeant’s Association hosts a golf tournament May 20 at 8 a.m. at the Lietzenhof Golf Club in Burbach. The golf tourmanet is a four-man scramble format, and the cost is 35 euro per person. To check out the golf course, visit www.golf-lietzenhof.de and for details, call Master Sgt. Boyd Middlebrook at 452-7601 or 452-6184.

Dexheim biathlon

Sabers can take part in the Dexheim biathlon near Wiesbaden May 21. Registration is from 8-9:45 a.m., and the race begins at 10 a.m. Awards will be presented for first place male and female, as well as age group awards. The cost is \$30 per person, and people from Outdoor Recreation will be on-hand to rent bicycles. The course is a 10K loop through the local vineyards. The first lap is on bicycle, the second on foot and the third and final lap is on bicycle. For details, call Keith Oswald at 334-7650 or 334-7651.

Push, pull, drag

The fitness center challenges Team Eifel members to show off their brute strength with a “Push, Pull and Drag” contest May 26. Participants compete in bench press, pull-ups and a car drag. The cost is \$3 per person. For details, call De Shane Casillas or Staff Sgt. Ann Mitchell at 452-6496.

AFA softball tournament

The Air Force Association’s third annual softball tournament takes place May 28-29 at Geilenkirchen AB. The cost is 100 euro per team, and there are prizes for first and second place. Proceeds help with future AFA activities in the Geilenkirchen area. For details, e-mail Tech. Sgt. Troy Hintermeister at troy.hintermeister@geilenkirchen.af.mil.

Intramural softball tournament

Take part in the Spangdahlem pre-season intramural softball tournament from May 31 to June 3 at softball fields one and two. All intramural squadron softball teams are encouraged to play. The cost is \$100 per team, and the entry deadline is May 25. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place teams and individual awards. For more information, call Mark Warner or Staff Sgt. Brian Sneed at 452-6634, or Tech. Sgt. Clifford Gonzalez at 452-6166.

Bowling tournament

Head over to the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center for the 9-Pin No-Tap tournament today through Sept. 16. Get a strike by knocking down nine pins instead of 10. The price is \$15 per person and includes shoes. Participants must be at least 18 years old to play. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Sign-up starts at 4 p.m., and bowling begins at 6 p.m. today, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16. For details, call Eric Guth at 452-BOWL.

Golf course news

Twilight golf

Hit the golf course for \$6 each Monday through Friday after 6 p.m. People can play until the sun goes down. Twilight golf starts June 1, and the cart fee is not included.

Terrible pin placement

Sign-up for the Terrible Pin Placement tournament at the Eifel Mountain Golf Course June 4 at 10:30 a.m. Play a nine-hole game, captain’s choice format with four people on a team and no handicaps. The cost is \$10 per person, and green fees and carts are not included. For details, call Bobby Stevens at 452-4653.